



You Safeguard Animals Impacted by Disasters

Following the heartbreaking destruction left in the wake of tornadoes in the Midwest, we mobilized our disaster response team at the urgent request of the Kentucky Humane Society to assist 470 animals in the region.

With many communities in crisis, our teams worked around the clock to support transport efforts moving homeless animals out of the impacted areas—including a flight for more than 100 kittens and cats to East Coast animal shelters and rescue organizations.

In addition to relocation, we assisted with emergency sheltering, providing medical and behavioral treatment for homeless animals before they were ready for adoption.

While we respond to emergency situations in real-time, we also advocate to ensure the safety of animals for when future disasters strike. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) finally implemented a rule requiring all animal facilities licensed under the Animal Welfare Act to have plans in place to protect animals in case of a disaster or emergency. We are relieved that commercial animal facilities will be required to have a plan for animals during a disaster and train employees to carry out that plan.



Whether it's sharing resources with local communities or using your voice to promote important legislation to help more animals in need—we sincerely appreciate you for being a friend to animals in crises.

SHARE YOUR GUARDIAN STORIES



We love hearing from ASPCA® Guardians and learning the reason that powers their monthly giving!

Sandra F. cares for her husband who is suffering from long-term effects of COVID-19. They both love animals, especially their “grand-dog” Penny, who is a rescue dog. Penny’s unconditional love has truly helped Sandra’s husband during such difficult times. They donate each month on behalf of Penny to help other rescued animals in need.

If you would like to share your Guardian Story and for a chance to be featured in your next Newsletter, please visit [aspcanews.org/story](https://www.aspcanews.org/story).



Honor Goldie and Create a Lifesaving Legacy

Golden Retriever #142 didn't have a name, but we call her Goldie. She was raised in a USDA-licensed puppy mill in Iowa, living in horrific conditions alongside *hundreds* of other suffering dogs. Even though USDA inspectors repeatedly witnessed Goldie's condition get worse, USDA policies completely failed her. She sadly passed away after suffering extreme neglect for months. While her pain is over, we will not let her death be in vain.

On December 1, 2021, a bipartisan group of lawmakers introduced Goldie's Act in the U.S. House of Representatives. The bill will help ensure no more animals meet the same awful fate in USDA-licensed commercial breeding facilities. If passed, Goldie's Act would require USDA inspectors to take welfare conditions seriously and help animals who are visibly suffering. It also would require meaningful penalties for violations, and for conditions involving cruelty and neglect to be reported to local law enforcement.

Your support is a beacon of hope when we encounter situations like Goldie's. As an ASPCA® Guardian, we thank you for standing with us to push policies to protect animals. Visit aspcas.org/goldiesact to learn more and advocate for the passage of Goldie's Act.

A Note from Matt Bershadker

Dear ASPCA Guardians,

America's animals are fortunate to have a champion like you. With 2022 underway, we cannot thank you enough for your support.

Our work never stops, and we are grateful for generous friends like you who stand up for animals in need across the country. You help us continue our lifesaving programs which reach local communities through grant funding, relocation efforts, training, and more.

You change animals' lives throughout the United States with your monthly gift. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to the ASPCA and the animals we serve.

With deepest gratitude,

 – Matt Bershadker, *President & CEO*



Important Information from the ASPCA Guardian Support Team

Thank you for making 2021 an incredible year, ASPCA Guardians!

Now is a great time to review your membership information and make sure it is accurate. Here are a few reminders to help answer some of our most frequently asked questions:

- Any changes to your membership may take up to 30 days to process.
- You can contact Member Support by calling **(800) 628-0028** or emailing guardians@aspcas.org.
- Please visit aspcas.org/guardians to see your dollars in action!

Best wishes, and thank you, ASPCA Guardians!

The ASPCA Guardian Member Support Team

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